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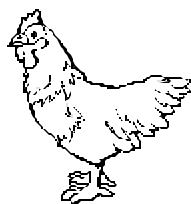
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was fair to good, best where featured. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food and delis. Supplies of all sizes varied but were generally more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading mixed but mostly fair. Breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily with sized product in the better balance. Dark meat items and wings were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range of light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/12/02-08/17/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago		45.00-48.00	44.00-59.50	47.15	27
Los Angeles		69.00			
New York		45.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi		60.00-63.50	46.00-65.00	62.89	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
811	55.00-65.75		63.78
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:			
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)		(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.50		883
BREASTS - B/S	157.50		4,373
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00		1,108
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50		520
LEG QUARTERS	19.00		8,117
WINGS	50.50		3,017

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area was unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings varied but generally more in balance with trade needs. Trade interest was light to moderate. Movement into all channels was irregular, slow to fairly good. Retail features and fast food promotions providing best interest. Floor stocks in a full range. Weights desirable. Offerings on parts were more in line with buyer needs and trading was generally light to moderate. Breast items were held with confidence, wings available and leg quarters fully adequate. The market tone was mostly steady on wings, steady to instances firm on whole and boneless/skinless breasts with leg quarters mixed.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, best where feature activity was planned. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactory. Dark meat items were more than sufficient, and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Monday's level. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices and centered on regular commitments. Buying interest was fair and selective. Offerings fully adequate overall with heavier weights in the longest position for current needs. Retailers demand good to cover ads and specials in progress elsewhere moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment about steady on parts. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 55-99, whole body seasoned 97, boneless breast 169-179, boneless breast 4# IQF 999, breast fillets 377, breast tenderloins 377, boneless leg 69-89, boneless leg meat 40# case 2498, split breast 87-129, whole leg 67, leg quarter 10# bag 290, wing 99-149, party wing 3# IQF 399, thigh 59-149, thigh seasoned 159, drumstick 59-149, drumstick seasoned 159, drumstick 5# bag 189, livers 99, 8 pieces (2 drumstick, 2 thigh, 2 wing and 2 rib attached breast) fried for 299-399; Northern California - cornish 129, boneless breast 179, split 87-199, leg quarter 89, drumstick 78, thigh 78, whole leg 99; Colorado - whole body 49, cornish 20 ounce 2 for 400, boneless breast 4# IQF 799-899, split breast 99-149, wing 2.5# IQF 399; Arizona - boneless breast 167-299, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 699, breast tenderloins 2.5# IQF 799, split breast 99-169, thigh 99, thigh 4# IQF 299-499, kabob 399, 8 pieces (2 drumstick, 2 thigh, 2 wing and 2 rib attached breast) fried for 499.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds were generally adequate and the 2.5 pound sizes were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but bone-in breasts were slightly better balanced. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate, frequently noted as decent. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume available; however, most sizes were trending lighter. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. In spite of some plants reporting reduced operations due to internal problems, overall processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady on the smaller sizes; fully steady on the larger. Inquiry improved and was fair to moderate for parts.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	44-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.74
NO. OF BOXES	8,121
CUMULATIVE	50.11
	59.22
NO. OF BOXES	35,681
	63,562

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUG 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 09

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	946	138.00-219.00	142-152	147.72	908	138.00-219.00	148-152	150.83	5,108	149.01
TENDERLOINS	166	105.00-185.00	110-115	126.23	141	105.00-185.00	110-115	127.09	733	128.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	79.00-87.00	80-84	82.45	TOO FEW TO REPORT				483	83.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				425	65.62
LEGS	86	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.26	91	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.18	443	19.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	12.00-17.00	13	13.46	401	12.00-17.00	13	13.41	2,445	13.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,420	14.00-26.00	17-20	18.70	1,460	14.00-26.00	18-20	19.15	6,980	18.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	43.00-52.00	48-50	50.22	281	43.00-52.00	47-49	50.22	1,405	50.51
WINGS (CUT)	421	56.00-72.00	56-58	59.33	425	56.00-71.00	56-58	59.18	2,149	58.90
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-42.00	-	36.60	67	36.00-42.00	-	36.63	339	37.55
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				142	37.56
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				55	60.00-66.00	-	62.18	160	64.92

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR AUG 08, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

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TODAY'S

5-DAY

RANGE

AVERAGE

RANGE

AVERAGE

AVERAGE

38.75 - 43.00

40.36

39.25 - 43.00

40.75

39.44

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate at best as dealers assumed product entering the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were available, but noted as less burdensome. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady ending the week.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

AUG 08

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.58	373,230
TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.03	93,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.32	121,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	79.88	125,160
LEGS	31-32	28.20	143,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.71	539,280
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.53	127,900
THIGHS	18-19	28.64	65,130
B/S THIGHS	60-61	60.39	66,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	50.43	132,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	24,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	16.14	9,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	39.32	18,120

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.65	590,480	150.94	2,276,470
TENDERLOINS	95-100	103.52	166,160	103.82	736,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.66	174,360	82.44	517,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.65	163,080	79.16	721,200
LEGS	31-32	34.16	152,000	31.14	602,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.25	382,583	18.38	1,604,703
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.07	168,900	29.57	636,260
THIGHS	18-19	31.24	75,560	25.97	373,940
B/S THIGHS	60-61	58.25	87,560	60.19	346,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	49.23	227,600	50.69	948,470
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	37,360	12.05	122,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	20.01	12,800	18.09	39,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	38.63	13,800	38.16	87,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/09	08/08	08/07	08/06	08/07	08/06	08/02	07/31
ALA	4,040	4,097	4,044	4,100	4.97	5.05	4,039	5.00
ARK	5,202	5,169	5,311	5,304	4.86	4.92	4,834	4.89
DELMARVA	2,666	2,364	2,336	2,292	5.07	5.11	2,448	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,104	2,009	2,054	1,975	4.48	4.44	2,209	4.49
MISS	2,825	2,900	2,875	2,915	5.25	5.48	2,849	5.30
NC	2,489	2,634	2,630	2,659	5.84	5.86	3,068	5.77
TEXAS	2,538	2,451	2,439	2,438	4.77	4.81	2,435	4.81
TOTAL	21,864	21,624	21,689	21,692	5.03	5.10	21,882	5.05

MON-FRI109,251(A)

107,555(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Aug 02 and 10-Aug-02 is estimated to be 32,711,000 down 0.38 percent from a week ago and up 0.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,836,000; last year 32,711,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Aug-02 is estimated to be 158,069,000 head unchanged 0 percent from a week ago, and unchanged 0 percent from a year ago (Last week 157,689,000 Last year 157,545,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 27-Jul-02 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	20,046	20,367	28,940
Avg Weight	3.88	4.87	5.97
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,168	26,555	39,192
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.14
% of total /1	30%	28%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,840	30,647	40,955
Avg Weight	3.79	4.79	6.00
% of total /1	31%	30%	40%
To date/2002	849,327	717,212	1,360,641
To date/2001	978,993	809,217	1,331,668

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-Aug-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	157,689	1,633	1,560	3,193	450
AVG WT	4.99	3.48	7.78	5.58	6.50
LAST WEEK	161,236	1,829	1,536	3,365	413
SAME WK YR AGO	156,964	1,597	1,512	3,109	479
AVG WT	5.09	3.45	7.91	5.62	7.19
TO-DATE/2002	4,794,474	54,761	42,060	96,821	13,387
TO-DATE/2001	4,742,162	54,870	42,386	97,256	15,449

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.6 million head or -2.9 million headless than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUGUST 06, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.35 - .40	Pigeons	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90	White Pigeons	3.25 - 4.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .90	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.50 - .75
4-6 LBS	.75 - .85	Rabbits	
Guinea Fowl	.85 - .95	7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 5.50ea.	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.75ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75ea.	Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
		Doves	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Total Coops Sold 490			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-AUG-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	50-57	54-55
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	63-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Weights were usually desirable despite hot temperatures throughout the Midwest last week. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-AUG-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
JUNE	29 163.1	161.2	101% 5.22
JULY	6 138.6	161.2	86% 5.08
	13 160.5	161.6	99% 5.03
	20 161.9	163.1	99% 5.01
	27 163.2	163.4	100% 5.07
AUGUST	3 159.6	162.5	98% 4.99
YEAR TO DATE	4851.7	4904.8	99%
AUGUST	10 162.1		
	17 161.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/10/02	07/27/02	% CHG	08/04/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,069	157,689*	0	157,545*	0
Cattle	703	713	-01	678*	+04
Hogs	1,801	1,819	-01	1,728*	+04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy canners and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Demand was moderate at best. The undertone was mostly steady.

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
28-36 MAJORITY 30-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
22-28.5 MAJORITY 23

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
29-38 MAJORITY 32-33

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Interest for spent heavy hens was only fair for fully adequate offerings. Sales of finished product were moderate with schedules full at most plants. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light into slaughter operations with rendering operators looking for additional spent fowl to fill holes in schedules. Offerings generally adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were light to moderate with schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules lighter overall with some maintenance downtime reported. Offerings ample.

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